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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. OF EGYPTIAN PARLIAMEN-
TARIANS

REF: CAIRO 3098

1. FOLGER'S CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS INDICATE THAT EGYPTIAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS' VISIT AT THIS TIME NOT RPT NOT CONVENIENT.
VISIT COULD BE HANDLED END OF JUNE, BUT CONGRESSIONAL
PEOPLE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO SEE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS IN
SEPTEMBER. FYI, ALTHOUGH AUGUST RECESS ELIMINATED,
HAMILTON AND VAN DUSEN FEEL JULY AND AUGUST NOT RPT NOT
GOOD MONTHS BECAUSE OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.
SEN. FULBRIGHT NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE END OF
MAY, IF THEN. ARKANSAS PRIMARY IS MAY 28.

2. BY USING FALLOUT NOW AVAILABLE, CU COULD FUND IV GRANTS
IN FY 74 FOR ONLY TWO RPT TWO PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS IN LATE
JUNE FOR VISIT OF ABOUT 3 WEEKS. CU HAS MADE TENTATIVE
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PROGRAMMING APPOINTMENT WITH DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND

GOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGE, ILAB, WHO ASSURE US THEY CAN PRODUCE AN APPROPRIATE ITINERARY. POST SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT IN SEPTEMBER DEPARTMENT CAN PROGRAM LARGER GROUP (10-12) AGAINST FY 75 PROGRAM ALLOCATION FOR IV PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MORE FRUITFUL CALLS ON US LOCAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS.

3. GIVEN U.S. CONGRESS PREFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT AND

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY FOR MORE ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS IN SEPTEMBER, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY EXPLORE WITH GOE POSSIBILITY OF SEPTEMBER VISIT BY 10-12 EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. ALTERNATIVELY, IF EMBASSY FEELS U.S. INTERESTS REQUIRE EARLIER VISIT, WE COULD SPLIT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP BY RECEIVING TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS IN JUNE FOLLOWED BY 8 TO 10 PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SEPTEMBER. IF JUNE OPTION DESIRED, TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS MUST ARRIVE ON JUNE 24 IN ORDER TO BEGIN PROGRAM ON JUNE 25.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS. IF EMBASSY OPTS FOR JUNE VISIT BY TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS, WE WILL NEED NAMES, BIODATA, AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS BY COB MAY 20 IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. SIMILAR DATA FOR REMAINING 8-10 PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 15. RUSH

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